(b) Domestic consumption of Castor oil is mainly for industrial usage. Concerned wings of the Central and State Governments take action whenever instances of adulteration come to their notice.

(c) The Indian Oil & Produce Exporters Association is mainly handling ' HPS Groundnuts and as such the question of taking their expertise in Castor oil Sector does not arise. CHEMEXIL is the concerned export promotion Council entrusted with the export promotion of Castor oil.

(d) The total production of Castor oil for the last three years is given below:—

	(In Lakh MT)
1990-91	2.51
1991-92	2.02
1992-93	2.27

According to available information, domestic demand of Castor oil is around 1.2 lakh MT per year.

Sources:

1. Department of Agriculture & Coopn.
2. Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXIL)

Domestic Consumption of Tea

2149. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Tea generally go up between January and June every year due to priority being given go overseas market;

(b) what is the domestic consumption of the tea and its exports during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that producers with the help of brokers manipulate prices when overseas demand of tea is high and the domestic price of tea rise abnormally; and

(d) what is the earning from the exports of tea to the former USSR and now Russia during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The average prices of tea fetched at auctions in India during January to June this year is more or less bearer to overall average prices of tea for the full year in question.

(b) Details of domestic consumption of tea in India and exports of tea during 1990 to 1992 are given below:—

Year	Domestic Consumption of tea in India (In M. Kgs.)	Exports (M. Kgs.)
1990	500	210.02
1991	520	202.92
1992	540	170.82 (Estimated)

(c) Prices of tea at Indian auctions are determined by supply demand equations. Teas are sold in the open auctions by brokers on behalf of the producers to the highest bidders who are the registered buyers operating in the auctions.

(d) Earnings from the export of tea from India to erstwhile USSR for the last three years 1990 to 1992 are given below:—

Year	Value in Rs. crores
1990	670.72 (USSR)
1991	565.31 (USSR)
*1992 (Eastimated)	229.14

*Figure indicates supply to Russia only.

Payment of Income Tax by Tobacco Board

2150. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tobacco Board was asked to pay Rs. 5 Crores as income tax/ corporate tax;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the taxable earning of the Board;